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Plenary meetings

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Malaysia (item 1).

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (item 2).

3. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-second session of the General Assembly (item 3):

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (item 4).

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (item 5).

6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (item 6).

7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (item 7).

8. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (item 8).

9. General debate (item 9).

10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (item 10).

11. Report of the Security Council (item 11).

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, II, III, IV, V (sections A, B, D and H), VI and VII] (item 12).[1]

13. Report of the International Court of Justice (item 13).

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[1] The chapters of the report listed below have been referred also to the Second, Third and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a) Chapters I, V (section B) and VII ..... Second, Third and Fifth Committees

(b) Chapters II and III ..... Second Committee

(c) Chapters IV and V (sections A and H) ..... Second and Third Committees

14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (item 14).[2]

15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (item 15):

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

(b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council.

16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections (item 16):

(a) Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(b) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(c) Election of nineteen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;

(d) Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme.

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (item 17):[3]

(h) Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women;

(i) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

(j) Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit.

18. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (item 18).[4]

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (item 19).

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[2] The General Assembly decided that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/52/285) would be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 71.

[3] For sub-items (a) to (g), see "Fifth Committee", item 35.

[4] The General Assembly decided to refer to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/52/23) relating to specific Territories so that the Assembly might deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.

20. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20):

    (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;

    (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions;

    (c) Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan;

    (d) Assistance to the Palestinian people;

    (e) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development;

    (f) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.

21. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (item 21).

22. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation (item 22).

23. Multilingualism (item 23).

24. Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal (item 24).

25. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (item 25).

26. University for Peace (item 26).

27. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin (item 27).

28. Universal Congress on the Panama Canal (item 28).

29. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (item 29).

30. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba (item 30).

31. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (item 31).

32. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic (item 32).

33. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (item 33).

34. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization (item 34).

35. Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion (item 35).

36. Question of Palestine (item 36).

37. The situation in the Middle East (item 37).

38. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies (item 38).

39. Oceans and the law of the sea (item 39):

    (a) Law of the sea;

    (b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks;

    (c) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and fisheries by-catch and discards.

40. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (item 40).

41. Assistance in mine clearance (item 41).

42. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (item 42).

43. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (item 43).

44. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti (item 44).

45. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (item 45).

46. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (item 46).

47. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (item 47).

48. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (item 48).[5]

49. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (item 49).

50. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (item 50).

51. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (item 51).

52. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security (item 52).

53. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait (item 53).

54. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations (item 54).

55. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (item 55).

56. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development (item 56).

57. The situation in Burundi (item 57).

58. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (item 58).

59. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters (item 59).

60. Strengthening of the United Nations system (item 60).

61. Towards a culture of peace (item 156).

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[5] The General Assembly decided to consider the item directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.

62. United Nations reform: measures and proposals (item 157).

63. Observer status for the Andean Community in the General Assembly (item 158).

First Committee

1. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament obligations (item 62).

2. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification (item 63).

3. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (item 64).

4. Reduction of military budgets (item 65):

   (a) Reduction of military budgets;

   (b) Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures.

5. The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament (item 66).

6. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (item 67).

7. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia (item 68).

8. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (item 69).

9. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (item 70).

10. General and complete disarmament (item 71):

   (a) Notification of nuclear tests;

   (b) Small arms;

   (c) Transparency in armaments;

   (d) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

   (e) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament: report of the Preparatory Committee for the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament;

   (f) Relationship between disarmament and development;

   (g) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

   (h) Measures to curb the illicit transfer and use of conventional arms;

   (i) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

(j) Regional disarmament;

(k) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(l) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;

(m) Nuclear disarmament;

(n) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(o) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(p) Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and of vehicles for their delivery in all its aspects.

11. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (item 72):

(a) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(b) Regional confidence-building measures;

(c) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons.

12. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (item 73):

(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(c) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(d) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research.

13. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East (item 74).

14. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (item 75).

15. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (item 76).

16. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace (item 77).

17. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (item 78).

18. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (item 79).

19. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (item 80).

20. Maintenance of international security (item 81).

21. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (item 82).

22. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee (item 83).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee
(Fourth Committee)

1. Effects of atomic radiation (item 84).

2. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (item 85).

3. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (item 86).

4. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (item 87).

5. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (item 88).

6. Questions relating to information (item 89).

7. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations (item 90).

8. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination (item 91).

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (item 92).

10. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapter V (section E)] (item 12).

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 93).

12. The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia (item 94).

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (item 18).[4]

14. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (item 48).[5]

Second Committee

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, II, III, IV, V (sections A to C and F to J) and VII] (item 12).[6]

2. Macroeconomic policy questions (item 95):

   (a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries;[7]

   (b) Trade and development;

   (c) Science and technology for development;

   (d) External debt crisis and development.

3. Sectoral policy questions (item 96):

   (a) Industrial development cooperation;

   (b) Business and development;

   (c) Food and sustainable agricultural development.

4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (item 97):

   (a) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership;

   (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

   (c) Population and development;

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[6] The chapters of the report listed below have been referred also to plenary meetings and to the Third and Fifth Committees, as follows:

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   (b) Chapters II and III ..... Plenary meetings

   (c) Chapters IV and V (sections A and H) .. Plenary meetings and Third Committee

   (d) Chapter V (section C) ..... Third Committee

[7] In its resolution 50/227, the General Assembly decided that the question of the International Conference on the Financing of Development would be considered under this sub-item at the fifty-second session of the Assembly.

(d) International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development;

(e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II);

(f) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty;

(g) Women in development;

(h) Human resources development;

(i) Cultural development.

5. Environment and sustainable development (item 98):

(a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

(d) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction;

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity;

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

(g) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21.

6. Operational activities for development (item 99):[8]

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries.

7. Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research (item 100).

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[8] The General Assembly decided that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women would be referred also to the Second Committee for consideration under item 99.

8. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources (item 101).

Third Committee

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, IV, V (sections A to C and H) and VII] (item 12).[9]

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (item 102).

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice (item 103).

4. International drug control (item 104).

5. Advancement of women (item 105).[8]

6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (item 106).

7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (item 107).

8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children (item 108).

9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (item 109).

10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (item 110).

11. Right of peoples to self-determination (item 111).

12. Human rights questions (item 112):

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

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(b)	Chapters IV and V (sections A and H)	Plenary meetings and Second Committee
(c)	Chapter V (section C)	Second Committee

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Fifth Committee

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (item 113):

   (a) United Nations peacekeeping operations;

   (b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

   (c) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (item 114).

3. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (item 115).

4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (item 116).

5. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations (item 117).

6. Joint Inspection Unit (item 118).[10]

7. Pattern of conferences (item 119).

8. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (item 120).

9. United Nations common system (item 121).

10. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East (item 122):

    (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

    (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

11. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (item 123).

12. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) (item 124):

    (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

    (b) Other activities.

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[10] The General Assembly decided to allocate the item to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit dealing with subject-matters assigned to other Main Committees would be referred also to those Committees.

13. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (item 125).

14. Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (item 126).

15. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters (item 127).

16. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II (item 128).

17. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (item 129).

18. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (item 130).

19. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (item 131).

20. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (item 132).

21. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (item 133).

22. Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (item 134).

23. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (item 135).

24. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (item 136).

25. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (item 137).

26. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (item 138).

27. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (item 139).

28. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (item 140).

29. Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti (item 141).

30. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (item 142):

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations;

(b) Relocation of Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232.

31. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (item 143).

32. Human resources management (item 153).

33. Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (item 154).

34. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, V (section B) and VII] (item 12).[11]

35. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (item 17):[12]

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission;

(g) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee.

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[11] Chapters I, V (section B) and VII of the report have been referred also to plenary meetings and to the Second and Third Committees.

[12] For sub-items (h) to (j), see "Plenary meetings", item 17.

Sixth Committee

1. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property (item 144).

2. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (item 145).

3. United Nations Decade of International Law (item 146):

   (a) United Nations Decade of International Law;

   (b) Action to be taken in 1999 dedicated to the centennial of the first International Peace Conference and to the closing of the United Nations Decade of International Law;

   (c) Draft guiding principles for international negotiations.

4. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session (item 147).

5. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirtieth session (item 148).

6. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (item 149).

7. Establishment of an international criminal court (item 150).

8. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (item 151).

9. Measures to eliminate international terrorism (item 152).

10. Amendment to article 13 of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (item 155).